

[*ANONYMIZING TOOL FOR MEDICAL DATA*]

Abstract of Disclosure

An apparatus for anonymizing medical data 10 is provided, including a first communications input 39 receiving one or more patient files 22 which include a patient identifier 46, a pair list database 44 storing a plurality of related pair identifiers 54 each of which includes one of the patient identifiers 46 and an associated anonymous identifier 48, a pair list retriever 56 to search the pair list database 44 to find a first associated anonymous identifier 48 paired with a first patient identifier 44, a pair list generator 58 to create a new associated anonymous identifier 48 to pair with a new patient identifier 46 forming a new related pair identifiers 54 added to the pair list database 44, and an anonymous file generator 62 that creates one or more anonymous files 42 from the one or more patient files 22 by replacing each of the patient identifiers 46 with an associated anonymous identifier 48 from the related pair identifiers 54.

Figures

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